hospital. Cholera is prevalent only in sporadic form in Travancore. And I am not aware whether the hospital was treated as an isolation hospital for cholera, before I came here.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Darbar Physician is aware that there are houses and shops situated very near the hospital?

Mr. James Simpson: During my last inspection, I found that most of the houses and shops came into existence only after the hospital was put up there.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether he has received any complaint from the people of the locality that the inpatients of this hospital came out during the night to the neighbouring houses for help in respect of food and clothing?

Mr. James Simpson: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know what action he has taken or proposed to take in this matter?

Mr. James Simpson: I have enquired into the matter and the complaint in most cases were found to be quite unfounded. Arrangements have been made that the servants of the hospital on duty should see that the inpatients do not go out of the hospital.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from the member whether the compound of the Iranimuttam hospital is enclosed or not?

Mr. James Simpson: There is a railing or wire fencing enclosing the compound.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I inform the Darbar Physician, that at present on account of the absence of a proper wire fencing for the compound, it is being used as a public latrine?

Mr. James Simpson: I have not received any such complaint.

Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the member whether he has any objection to hand it over to the Municipal Council?

Mr. James Simpson: That is a point which must be considered by Government. It has not yet come to the notice of Government.

Pay-wards in the General Hospital.

93. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of pay wards in the General Hospital;

(*b*) the daily charge per ward;

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(*c*) the number of applications for admission to the pay-wards received in 1109 and during the period from Chingam to Edavam 1110 ; and

(*d*) the number admitted and the number refused and the reasons for the same?

Mr. James Simpson : (*a*) Seven.

(*b*) Two rooms are charged at B. Rs. 1–12–0 each ; another two rooms at B. Rs. 1-4-0 each and the remaining three rooms at annas 8 each, per diem.

(*c*) The information is not available.

(*d*) The number admitted in 1109 is 146 and that in 1110 up to Edavom is 89. No information is available in regard to the number of applicants who were denied admission, since only oral and not written applications for admission are usually received.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know Sir, whether the existing accommodation in the pay-wards is sufficient to meet the demand ?

Mr. James Simpson : No. Of late years the demand has increased. Till two years ago the pay-wards were not occupied as much as now. The question of increasing the accommodation available is before Government.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know whether the rooms are provided on scientific and up-to-date lines ?

Mr. James Simpson : They are really quite good and the furniture is sufficient.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know how many persons were treated in the ordinary fever ward because they could not be accommodated in the pay ward ?

Mr. James Simpson : I have not got that information now.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know approximately the average attendance of fever patients in the fever ward during this year ?

Mr. James Simpson : There were 326 patients in the medical wards.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know how much accommodation is available according to the rules in the medical ward ?

Mr. James Simpson : Sir, we are answering about the pay wards. I do not think this question arises.

President ; It does not arise. We are not entering int the whole structure of the General Hospital now.

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